

2012 Tornado Fatalities

Tornadoes claimed 70 lives in 2012, down dramatically from the 2011 when the cataclysmic tornadoes in Alabama and other southeastern states, as well as in Joplin, MO, claimed 553 victims. The most dangerous place to be when a tornado struck in 2012 was a mobile home, accounting for 41 (59%) of deaths, followed by a permanent home with 22 (31%) of victims. The male-female ratio is much closer for tornadoes, possibly because this category is one of the few more heavily impacting individuals in a home rather than outside. In 2012, 36 (51%) of victims were male and 34 (49%) of victims were female. Kentucky numbered the most fatalities with 23, followed by Indiana with 14. Victims were most likely to be in the 70-79 year age range (15), followed by 50-59 (11) and 60-69 (10).

2012 Tornado Fatalities by State and Location

State	BU	LS	MH	OT	OU	PH	SC	VE	Total
AL (Alabama)	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
FL (Florida)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IL (Illinois)	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	9
IN (Indiana)	0	0	8	0	0	6	0	0	14
KS (Kansas)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
KY (Kentucky)	0	0	16	3	0	2	0	2	23
MO (Missouri)	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
OH (Ohio)	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	4
OK (Oklahoma)	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	6
TN (Tennessee)	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3
Total	0	0	41	3	2	22	0	2	70
Percent	0.00	0.00	58.57	4.29	2.86	31.43	0.00	2.86	

2012 Tornado Fatalities by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	5	1	0	6	8.57
10 to 19	3	1	0	4	5.71
20 to 29	1	6	0	7	10.00
30 to 39	3	0	0	3	4.29
40 to 49	5	3	0	8	11.43
50 to 59	2	9	0	11	15.71
60 to 69	7	3	0	10	14.29
70 to 79	6	9	0	15	21.43
80 to 89	1	3	0	4	5.71
90 to --	1	1	0	2	2.86
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total	34	36	0	70	
Percent	48.57	51.43	0.00		

Legend

BU -	Business
LS -	Long Span Roof
MH -	Mobile/Trailer Home
OT -	Other
OU -	Outside/Open Areas
PH -	Permanent Home
SC -	School
VE -	Vehicle/Towed Trailer